

MOTOR COURTS

There are now approximately 20,000 motor courts, averaging 22 rooms each, in operation along the principal highways in the United States, according to a recent survey.

JAPAN

The area of Japan proper, including the islands of Honshu, Shikoku, Kyushu and Hokkaido, is less than the state of California, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. The islands cover 147,707 square miles.

Statistics show that women have a better chance to outlive their spouses than the men have to be widowers. According to the Encyclopaedia Britannica, among centenarians, women outnumber men three to one.

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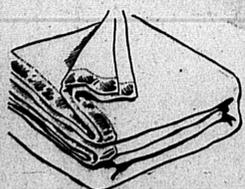
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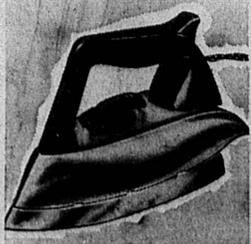
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NORWAY BOUND—Sonja Henie, skating star now appearing with her ice review at Madison Square Garden, New York, shown with Stuart Barthelme, in Stork Club, New York. Miss Henie said that later she would fly to her home in Norway to visit her family. Rumors have it she and Mr. Barthelme will wed.

County Central GOP Committee In Organization

The first announcement of organization, policy and programming by the Republican Central committee of Los Angeles County for the 1947-48 period, with particular emphasis placed on party organization requirements leading to the presidential year campaign, has been made public by the executive committee of the legal party agency of the county and its chairman, John S. Barcome.

The County Central committee, through its secretary, Richard L. Newton, announces that the program calls for the establishment of 17 committees, the membership of which are now being complimented and staffed. The list of committees includes party policy, both local and national; budget, finance, rules, credentials, field organization, volunteer organization coordination, public relations and contact. Election law reform, national and state committee relations; congressional and legislative coordination, personneling and party meetings.

A program of decentralization is stressed with strong district member participation in all phases of program will be widened and the executive committee has expressed the view of "broadening the base of all activities by the members of the Republican Party in Los Angeles County."

List Building Permits In H.C. And Shoestring

Building permits issued during the past week at the San Pedro office are the following: Don P. Mezzanatto, 1437 W. 190th st., feed store, \$700. Charles F. King, 25202 Belleporte ave., remodeling, \$100. R. Herzog, 630 W. 182nd st., improvements, \$600. W. E. Martois, 644 W. 257th st., utility house, \$600. John Acqua, 1213 W. 253rd st., improvements, \$980.

Night, Sunday Inspection Of Cafes Starts

Night and Sunday inspections are being made in the Torrance health district for the purpose of enforcing sanitation in restaurants and cafes, according to David W. Coffelt, area chief sanitarian for the local health district of the Los Angeles county health department. Many city councils have passed or are contemplating passing a lighting ordinance similar to the one which the County Board of Supervisors recently passed, reports show. This ordinance calls for public eating places having a minimum lighting intensity of ten foot-candles in all parts of the room where food is prepared, and a minimum lighting intensity of three foot-candles in rooms where the food is served.

"People who are running legitimate places of business are very cooperative and have no objections whatever to lighting up," the area chief said, "and after they have proper lighting they like it better." Sanitation records show that restaurant personnel are apt to become careless during rush hours and holidays, and it is to check on this that the after-hour inspections are being made.

Urge Veterans To Make All Contacts Here

In order to expedite the proper handling of subsequent contracts within the various divisions of the Veterans Administration, J. G. Caldwell, local veteran center director, suggests that all correspondence between the vet and the United States government be brought to the local service center at the time of each contract. Caldwell declares time will be saved by the ex-servicemen and women if they will work directly through the Torrance center. During the month of January 2,084 were served through the center, with inquiries on educational benefits leading the number.

Monies Due Lost Vets, Presents Problem To V. A.

Six thousand subsistence allowance, compensation and pension checks are returned by post offices each month to the finance department of the Los Angeles Veterans Administration regional office marked, "Address Unknown," L. C. Chapman, manager, revealed today.

Between \$125,000 and \$150,000 in undelivered checks has accumulated in the Los Angeles V.A. office. Some veterans have accrued amounts ranging up to \$1,000 in back checks, Chapman stated. In spite of the full time work of a research department which sends an average of 30 telegrams per day and thousands of letters each month, the V.A. cannot find a decisive percentage of these "lost veterans."

The Los Angeles V.A. office receives an average of 12,000 changes of address each month. "About three thousand of these do not give enough information to allow us to make the changes," Chapman said. "We must have the old and new addresses, C-number, and full name of the veteran for proper identification. Change of address forms 572 are available at all Veterans Administration offices."

Parents Should Be Consistent In Discipline

Local youth leaders and teachers of the Seventh-day Adventist church have been attending the nightly sessions of a Child Evangelism and Child Training Institute now meeting at Central church in Los Angeles. The institute which began last Saturday with 1,000 in attendance is part of a nationwide crusade to make religious instruction more effective as a means of developing Christian character in the American boy and girl.

The problem in child training today is not so much sparing the rod as it is knowing when the rod should be used, Professor Eric B. Hare, Washington, director of the youth crusade, told the assembly of religious teachers.

"Too many parents are not consistent," he said. "Many parents let the child disobey nine times, then punish him the tenth time. We send our children to bed one time, take their candy away on another occasion, forget about their misdeeds when we wish, and spank them only when we are good and mad. Discipline must be fair and consistent and not a matter of parental whim or mood." Professor Hare told the delegates, "Bringing up children is no joke. It takes father and mother, leader and teacher, working all together, pulling in the same direction, thinking out the correction with the care and seriousness of a judge, then standing by that decision with consistency and persistence."

Walteria Girl Scouts Party Held Wednesday

The Girl Scout clubhouse in Walteria was decorated beautifully Wednesday for the Valentine party given by the Intermediate Girl Scouts.

A Valentine box was made by Sally Grange, Kaye Croshaw and Cynthia Jansson, and the decoration committee was composed of Betty Jo Perry, Nina Lou Farrell, Fern Lynch and Mary Jo Vaverka.

After the valentines were distributed, a dainty luncheon of sandwiches, potato chips, jello and cake was served. Alice Deurloo made the lovely Valentine's day cake, which was decorated with red hearts and the letters "G.S.," and games at the close of the afternoon completed a happy occasion for the troop.

National Orange Show To Open In San Bernardino

The most beautiful girl in San Bernardino County will reign as queen of the National Orange Show opening here next month, according to B. Dade Davis, chairman of the Queen Selection Committee.

Every community in the county is invited by the Chamber of Commerce to select its most charming girl as a contestant in the final judging which will be held on the stage at Earl Carroll's theatre restaurant March 11, and Earl Carroll, national connoisseur of feminine pulchritude, will be the sole judge.

Each contestant will be awarded a beautiful bracelet. The contest winner, in addition to the honor of reigning over the Orange Show for eleven days, will receive a lovely evening gown.

GRAND THEATRE

PHONE TORRANCE 359 NOW PLAYING MICKY ROONEY in "Love Laughs at Andy Hardy" And "Shadowed" Cont. Show Friday from 6 P.M. SUN. - MON. - TUES. JAMES MAREN MARGARET LOCKWOOD in "The Wicked Lady" And "The Gas House Kids" NEXT WEEK—STARTS WED. "Return of Monte Cristo" "The Crime Doctor's Manhunt"

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